

In re Patent Application of
Teng Ma
Serial No. 10/645,350
Filed August 21, 2003

REMARKS

Applicant herein responds to the outstanding Office action and expresses his appreciation for the Examiner's allowance of claims 16-31. Claims 1-15 have been canceled without prejudice.

In addition, Applicant wishes to point out to the Examiner that an Information Disclosure Statement has been filed herewith with a petition and the fee required for its consideration after a first Office action. Applicant regrets the delay and respectfully requests entry of the IDS and its consideration by the Examiner. The references submitted became only recently revealed, but are not believed to affect the patentability of the allowed claims.

Trademarks Used In The Written Description

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's comments regarding the use of trademarks in the application. Applicant has amended the specification to include the ® symbol designating the registered trademarks mentioned. In that regard, Applicant points out that the term "CDS", as listed on page 17, line 23, could not be identified as a registered trademark. In addition, the original term "Sigma", as used on page 17, line 24, is intended to identify a corporation's name and has been amended to properly list the full name of the company, Sigma-Aldrich Co., which is known by those skilled in the art by its shorthand name of "Sigma." The term Minitab on page 18, line 7, has also been corrected to properly show the ® symbol as a registered trademark.

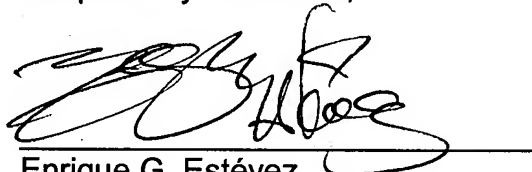
Conclusion

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Since the remaining pending claims are allowed and Applicant has corrected various trademarks used in the description, Applicant respectfully requests issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

If the further prosecution can be facilitated through a telephone conference between the Examiner and the undersigned, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned.

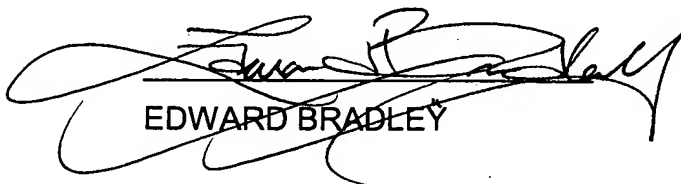
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